

2. Prevention of such outcomes through child supervision policies is far less costly in terms of lost duty time and installation resources than providing intervention services after the fact.
 - c. Commanders have a responsibility to reduce potential command liability through risk management. Enforcement of parental responsibilities and implementation of a child supervision policy helps commanders:
 1. Protect the safety of children and young teens by ensuring that they are not unsupervised on a *continuous* basis.
 2. Safeguard others from risks associated with children and young teens unsupervised in housing/common areas (*i.e. playing with matches, guns, etc.*).
 3. Minimize installation property damage (*i.e. vandalism that occurs when school age children are unsupervised*).
 4. Reduce soldier, civilian, and family member lost duty time due to child/children misconduct through lack of supervision.
 - d. A FY 97 Sample Survey of Military Personnel asked soldiers to indicate; "*In general, at what age do you consider it safe to start leaving a child alone at home unsupervised for **more than two hours**?*" The most common response among officers (51.2%) and enlisted (47.7%) personnel was 12 to 13 years of age.
4. **Applicability:** This MOI supersedes the 2000 MOI – Ft. Campbell Home Alone Policy.
5. **Policy:** Out of school child supervision policy is developed prior to implementation by an installation multidisciplinary team, (*i.e. Child and Youth Services, Community Services/Family Advocacy, Provost Marshall, Staff Judge Advocate, Housing, and a Parent and Youth Advisory Council* "parents of school-age children and command representatives). The policy is then approved and enforced by the installation commander as part of the overall child supervision policy that governs children, curfews, leaving children in vehicles, juvenile review boards, etc. Information about the policy and local procedures is disseminated widely in conjunction with the installation Child and Youth Parent Advisory Council.

Violators are referred to the installation Family Advocacy Report Point of Contact assessed for credibility and validity and processed as appropriate to include referrals to Child and Youth Services for assistance in developing a child care plan if warranted.

- a. The safety and welfare of the children are of the utmost concern to command leadership, the Department of the Army, and the Department of Defense. This policy is intended to provide a minimum framework to protect children from "*at risk*" behavior. Soldiers, civilians, and family members should be alert to any action or situation that endangers children. However, parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring children are properly supervised and safeguarded.
- b. Army personnel and other service personnel assigned to and/or residing on Ft. Campbell who have dependent children younger than high school have a responsibility to ensure that their children are appropriately supervised during non-school duty hours.
- c. Children under the age of **five (5)** will not be in self-care or home alone. These children require close supervision and must be under direct control of a parent or